

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE
1150 MERCANTILE DALLAS BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

February 1st, 1972

Mr. Stan Kesselman,
15 West 81st Street,
New York, New York 10024

Re: Your letter of May 10th, 1971

Dear Stanley:

You sent me 10 type 3 \$1 Gold at \$60.00 each, and 15 type 1 \$1 Gold at \$56.00 each. I retained 7 of these coins, 3 type 3 and 4 type 1.

In my letter of May 20th, 1971 I offered you \$55.00 for each of these 7 \$1 Gold. In your letter of May 25th, 1971 you said that I could have the type 1 coins at \$55.00 each and the type 3 at \$60.00 each.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$400.00 representing the following:

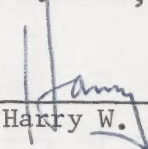
Type 1	\$1 - 1849	- -	\$55.00
1	\$1 - 1852	- -	55.00
1	\$1 - 1853	- -	55.00
1	\$1 - 1853	- -	55.00
Type 3	\$1 - 1856/5-	- -	60.00
3	\$1 - 1857	- -	60.00
3	\$1 - 1862	- -	60.00

Total - \$ 400.00

Thank you for your patience.

Most cordially,

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By 
Harry W. Bass, Jr.

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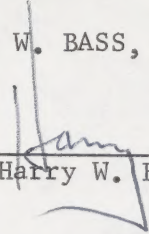
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The following items from the 199 coin lot I wish to inquire about:

\$1	1860-S, priced at \$180.00 - offered \$140.00
\$3	1888, priced at \$450.00 - offered \$400.00
\$1	1849, priced at \$175.00 - offered \$130.00
\$20	1863-S, priced at \$550.00 - offered \$500.00
\$10	1854-O, not priced - bid \$75.00

Most cordially

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By 
Harry W. Bass, Jr.

HWBJr:wv
Encls.

Harry W. Bass, Jr. Trust Estate
1150 Mercantile-Dallas Bldg.
Dallas, Texas 75201

Feb. 3, 1972

Dear Harry:

The checks you sent are a start but do you not realize you still have a fortune in my coins.

Please finish up with the balance of what you have of mine. Send back what you do not want, please pay me for you want. Do so immediately.

I will add that some coins that you just send me checks for & other items you still have that are unpaid for, the prices are now below dealers buying price & I'm paying more for them myself. You may think this to be funny, but I will not say how I feel at this time.

MY Dec. 21 letter to you, you still have 6 coins of mine, not paid
Your Nov. 12, 1971 letter to me you have 33 coins of mine, not paid

Also you have the \$20 gold coins from these old invoices:

June 3 2 \$20 gold
June 8 10 \$20 gold
June 10 5 \$20 gold
July 7 1 \$20 gold
Aug. 16, 3 \$20 gold

There may be others, but my records are so old I can't keep track.

See what else you have of mine.

Please finish up with everything.

Stanley

① Maria Miller
② 100 Quits

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE
1150 MERCANTILE DALLAS BUILDING
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

February 4th, 1972

Mr. Stan Kesselman,
15 West 81st Street,
New York, New York 10024

Re: Your letters of 1971 -
June 3rd, 8th, 10th, July 7th,
and August 16th

Dear Stanley:

Please refer to your letter of November 16th, 1971. Starting at the top, I have not yet figured out the 33 coins retained from your letters of September 13th, 17th, 27th, October 5th, and 12th as detailed in my letter to you of November 12th. I am working on them and should have something by the first of next week. This is the group on which I had requested some consideration as to price reduction and to which request you replied in the negative. I made the mistake of putting a lot of these coins into my collection and am having some difficulty in sorting it all out. On the November 12th lot of 21 coins, I believe the only outstanding item is the \$1 1849 Gold, which I am also working on.

The May 12th 7 \$1 Gold has been paid for.

The attached copy details the 21 coins, all \$20 Gold, remaining from your letters of June 3rd, 8th, 10th, July 7th and August 16th. I am purchasing 9 coins for a total of \$1,240.00, and my check to cover is enclosed herewith. The remaining 12 coins are returned herewith.

I would like to inquire about the following coins:

Your letter of Sept. 13th - \$3 1888
Your letter of Nov. 12th - \$2 1881 Proof, priced at \$1,250.00.
Offered 1,050.00.

Your letter of a year or two ago, \$ 5 1826, plugged.

I believe that other than the \$1 1849, the 33 coins mentioned above and the 4 or 5 coins you sent last week, this brings us up to date. Please check your records and let me know if you agree.

Most cordially,

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By

Harry W. Bass, Jr.

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HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

1150 MERCANTILE DALLAS BUILDING

DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

February 7th, 1972

Mr. Stan Kesselman,
15 West 81st Street,
New York, New York 10024

Re: Coin Consignments of
Sept. 13th, 17th and 27th, and
October 5th & 12th, 1971 and
my letter of Nov. 12th (copy attached)

Dear Stanley:

I am purchasing the following 33 coins and my check for
\$3,133.50 is attached:

September 13th letter

1 - \$10	1891-CC	-	\$65.00	
1 - \$10	1901-S	-	45.00	
3 - \$10	1902-S @45	-	135.00	
1 - \$10	1903-S	-	45.00	
1 - \$10	1906	-	45.00	
1 - \$20	1895-S	-	<u>80.00</u>	\$ 415.00

September 17th letter

1 - \$2½	1878-S	-	\$65.00	
1 - \$5	1903-S	-	40.00	
1 - \$10	1856-S	-	125.00	
1 - \$20	1853	-	225.00	
1 - \$20	1894	-	80.00	
1 - \$20	1895-S	-	<u>80.00</u>	\$ 615.00

September 27th letter

1 - \$5	1874	-	\$675.00	
1 - \$20	1877-S	-	85.00	
1 - \$20	1879-S	-	80.00	
1 - \$20	1899-S	-	<u>80.00</u>	\$ 920.00

October 5th letter

2 - \$5	1895 @37½-	-	\$75.00	
1 - \$5	1901-S	-	40.00	
1 - \$5	1906	-	38.00	
2 - \$5	1907-D@40-	-	80.00	
1 - \$5	1908	-	38.00	
1 - \$10	1901-S	-	45.00	
1 - \$20	1879-S	-	100.00	
1 - \$20	1895	-	<u>90.00</u>	\$ 506.00

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October 12th letter

1 - \$1	1855	-	\$137.50
1 - \$5	1854-D	-	225.00
1 - \$5	1861	-	200.00
1 - \$5	1907-D	-	35.00
1 - \$20	1877-S	-	<u>80.00</u>

\$ 677.50

TOTAL

\$ 3,133.50

Thanking you, I remain,

Most sincerely,

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By 

HWBJr:vv
Encls.

COPY

November 12th, 1971

Mr. Stan Kesselman,
15 West 81st Street,
New York, New York 10024

Re: Coin Consignments of
Sept. 13th, 17th and 27th, and
October 5th & 12th, 1971

Dear Stan:

The above five consignments of coins aggregated 99 coins.

I am interested in the following coins and would appreciate hearing from you as to your best price:

September 13th letter

1 - \$10	1891-CC
1 - \$10	1901-S
3 - \$10	1902-S
1 - \$10	1903-S
1 - \$10	1906
1 - \$20	1895-S

September 17th letter

1 - \$2½	1878-S
1 - \$5	1903-S
1 - \$10	1856-S
1 - \$20	1853
1 - \$20	1894
1 - \$20	1895-S

September 27th letter

1 - \$5	1874
1 - \$20	1877-S
1 - \$20	1879-S
1 - \$20	1899-S

October 5th letter

2 - \$5	1895
1 - \$5	1901-S
1 - \$5	1906
2 - \$5	1907-D
1 - \$5	1908
1 - \$10	1901-S
1 - \$20	1879-S
1 - \$20	1895

October 12th letter

1 -	\$1	1855
1 -	\$5	1854-D
1 -	\$5	1861
1 -	\$5	1907-D
1 -	\$20	1877-S

I have grown to dislike haggling with you over the years and have tried my level best for the past year to not do so because I felt that you had started pricing your coins to me more fairly considering the volume of purchases which I make. However, a close perusal of the coins contained in these five shipments, together with the pricing of same leave me no alternative to asking that you reconsider the prices as submitted.

The foregoing itemization reflects that Mike and I have retained 33 of the 99 coins sent. The remaining 66 coins are being posted to you.

Please advise as to all coins from other shipments from you that I may still have according to your records. Also please advise if there are any outstanding balances between us from other shipments and/or trades.

Sincerely,

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By _____
Harry W. Bass, Jr.

HWBJr:vv

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1150 MERCANTILE DALLAS BUILDING

DALLAS, TEXAS 75201

February 7th, 1972

Mr. Stan Kesselman,
15 West 81st Street,
New York, New York 10024

Re: Your letter of Dec. 21st, 1971

Dear Stanley:

With your letter of December 21st, 1971 you sent five coins, two of which I am purchasing for a total of \$770.00, and one of which Goliad is purchasing at \$75.00, as follows:

1 - \$1	1853 -	\$70.00	
1 - \$1	1864 Pr.	<u>700.00</u>	
			\$ 770.00 Bass
1 - \$10	1841 -	\$75.00	\$ 75.00 Goliad

Our checks are enclosed herewith to cover the above.

The remaining two coins are being returned herewith:

1 - \$2½	1880 Proof -	\$690.00
1 - \$20	1857-S -	105.00

Sincerely,

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By _____
Harry W. Bass, Jr.

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Encls.

Harry W. Bass, Jr. Trust Estate
1150 Mercantile-Dallas Bldg.
Dallas, Texas 75201

JOHN KUSHELSON
Professional Numismatist
15 WEST 51st STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10024

Dec. 21, 1971

Dear Harry:

There will be six subjects in this letter, following everything closely?

1. You still owe me \$30 for the Parke Bernet deal, your check was short..

#2. I am enclosing the 1855-C \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$. You took it in the 199 coins. This one is not mine.. You were right when you thought you switched. My coin is hell of a lot nicer, especially on the reverse. It also had no marks in reverse field, did not show as much wear on the rev. and finally it had nicer color luster-wise. It also did not have the tiny nicks on the obverse edge. Also you said the first time you saw my 1855-C it was 5 points nicer but yours cost you a lot less. This 1855-C is not the coin I sent you. I grade this one EF-AU at best.
(enc. 1 coin)

#3 The letter of your Dec. 16th checks out. I think you switched a coin here too. From my Nov. 12th lot enclosed back the 1849 \$1 Gem. I think you switched this one with the BU. You paid me for the BU if you look at it now & find it too be better than this to the trained eye then a switch was made. I am not finding you at fault in any case, with all you look through this is 100% understandable. I just & I'm sure you do want to get things straight. Compare this 1849 to the one you purchased on Nov. 12th & see which is better. This one is not ever Unc., the BU Gem I sent was beautiful.. (Enc 1 coin)

#4. From Nov. 12th invoice enclosed 1855-S \$20 your bid of \$160. is fair.
Enclosed 1 coin total of 3 so far.

#5. Enclosed these 5 new items:

1853 \$1 \$70.

1864 \$1 Pr. \$700.

1880 \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pr. \$690.

1841 \$10 AU \$75.

1857-S \$20 AU \$105.

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Total 8 coins

#6 I am sending you these 40 coins from the 199 coins you took with you. I am also re-billing you for the 3 coins from that lot that you still have. Here is a new invoice for 43 coins with 40 now enclosed back to you:

\$1 Gold

1860-S BU \$180.
1883 BU \$110. (2)
1884 BU \$110. (2)
1884 BU \$120.
1884 BU Gem \$130.
1885 BU \$110.
1853 BU \$70.
1849 BU \$125.

\$10

1843 EF \$50.
1843-O AU \$50.
1847-O BU \$135.
1856 O EF \$85.

\$2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gold

1843-D EF \$115.
1843-O U \$65.
1844-D BU \$300.
1845-D AU \$150.
1846-D EF \$110.
1853 BU \$75.
1855 BU \$60.
1867 BU \$235.
1867-S BU \$100.
1876 BU \$150.
1883 BU \$200.
1886 Pr. \$560.
1887 BU \$200.

\$3 Gold

1857-S EF \$210.
1859 U \$275.
1862 EF \$225.
\$51846-D BU \$350.
1846-D EF \$145.
1847-C AU \$130.
1851-O EF \$80.
1852 EF \$35.
1852-D EF \$125.
1853-D BU \$275.
1850-D VF \$120.
1857-S \$10 Gold \$100.
1861 BU \$10 \$180.

You now have enclosed 48 coins plus billing for 51 coins, the 3 1893
\$2½ gold you still have from the 199 coins:

1893 \$2½ BU \$75.
1893 \$2½ BU G m \$90.
1893 \$2½ Pr. \$475.

YOU STILL HAVE THESE PAST DUE ITEMS PLEASE SEND THE MONEY OR RETURN
THEM PROMPTLY. THESE ARE FAR OVER-due:

CHECK MY NOV.16 letter:

MAY 10, you have 7 \$1 Gold

Your nov. 12th letter you have 33 coins retained pay me or return

Aug. 16th 3 \$20 gold
July 7th the 1875-CC \$20
June 10 5 \$20 gold
June 8 10 \$20 gold
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Please finish up with everything.

Best,

Stan Kesselman

STAN KESSELMAN
2nd Street, New York
10001
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10001

NOTE →

Bill
I owe you
\$8
Please give to
Mike in Cash
Bill V.

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February 7th, 1972

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Re; Your letter of December 21st,
1971 and my reply of Feb. 1st, 1972
(copy attached hereto)

Dear Stanley:

With reference to my letter to you of February 1st, 1972,
copy of which is attached hereto, I am returning the following
coins for which I have already paid you a total of \$640.00
by my Trust check dated February 1st, No. 2519:

1 - \$2½	1893 - \$75.00
1 - \$2½	1893 - 90.00
1 - \$2½	1893 - <u>475.00</u>

Total \$ 640.00

Please send me your check for these three coins which I
am returning.

Sincerely,

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By Harry W. Bass, Jr.

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- \$10 1854-O, not priced - bid \$75.00

Most cordially,

HARRY W. BASS, JR. TRUST ESTATE

By

Harry W. Bass, Jr.

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Encls.

Harry W. Bass, Jr. (in person)
1150 Mercantile-Dallas Bldg.
Dallas, Texas 75201

Feb. 16, 1972

Dear Harry:

1. Your letter Feb. 4th, you still have the 1849 \$1, sent to you my letter of Dec. 21, 1971, item #3, where you paid for the Gem & returned the AU, paying the AU price for the Gem. This is the only item I can find that you still have.
2. Enclosed refund check for the 1893 coins.
3. Now I sent you the \$20 gold coins June 3, June 8th, June 10th, July 7th & Aug. 16th. You bought what you needed & sent the check & your rejected coins to Brownlee at Stack's. He then told me He wanted 3 coins, to which I said no thanks since he was buying them Feb. 1972 at June-Aug. 1971 prices. He then said the coins were not sent back to me but to him so he could grab the bargains. He also said he wanted the coins in Dallas sometime around 2 months after they were sent, but he could do nothing.

Since it is your intention to hold my coins an unreasonable length of time, then to buy what you need and then see what you can sell for me 6 months later in a raising market I found myself selling coins to another dealer at prices LOWER THAN I WOULD PAY MYSELF. It is one thing for you to keep coins 6-8 months, but still another to allow someone else to join in where the bargains were created by your inexcusable delay. I was angry enough when I rec'd the check for the 7 \$1 gold from May, but it is just too much for me to take a check from Brownlee for coins sent in June-Aug. Adding to the problem was the fact that since my money was tied up & I found myself short I had to borrow money. So in conclusion I borrowed money to sell coins that when I rec'd payment I would buy back at higher prices. I do not mind selling coins that go up in value, I do mind seeing my coins going up in value and then getting paid for them at the old prices from the person I sent them too, plus his friend who at this time wants also to "join in".

All I can ask you to do at this time is finish up with my coins, at this point you have just one left, if my records are correct.

I have never in 14 years of sending coins out in the mail been taken advantage of, except by you. (congratulations)

Stan Kesselman

Bill: brownlee has your money, sorry for the delay but I have had other things on my mind.